

SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PROPOSED BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2006

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ADMINISTRATION

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## **THE GOVERNMENT**

Shelby County, Tennessee (the County) was established in 1819 and covers 783 square miles in southwest Tennessee. Of this, 300 square miles are within the city limits of Memphis.

Since the implementation of the Restructure Act on January 1, 1976, the County has operated under the Mayor-Commission form of government. The Mayor, as the County's chief executive officer, oversees the operations of the County's seven divisions. The thirteen members of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners (the Commission), the legislative branch of the government, reviews and approves the County's programs and budgets. Together the administration and the Board of County Commissioners are responsible for governing over approximately 903,000 citizens in the most populous of Tennessee's 95 counties.

In August 1984, the County's voters approved the Home Rule Charter which allows the Commission to pass ordinances locally rather than having to receive approval through the Tennessee State Legislature. The Home Rule Charter became effective September 1, 1986.

## **STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE**

Shelby County Government is committed to providing services which maintain and enhance the quality of life of its citizens.

To this end, County Government answers the basic needs of individuals through social, health and human services; answers the philosophical needs of society through services such as the justice system and law enforcement; and the needs of the community by creating and participating in the design and implementation of programs in such areas as economic and neighborhood development.

In all of its programs and projects, County Government is committed to equal opportunity and equal access to services.

## **Overview**

This document presents the Operating Plan and Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2006 reflecting the allocation of resources necessary to accomplish Countywide goals and objectives. It is a consolidated request including funding for all Elected Officials and Departments of County Government.

## **Legal Budget**

In order to comply with generally accepted accounting procedures and the County's budgetary requirements, the budget must be approved for each fund and each of the Departments within that fund.